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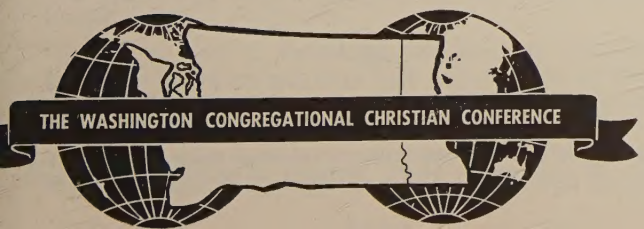

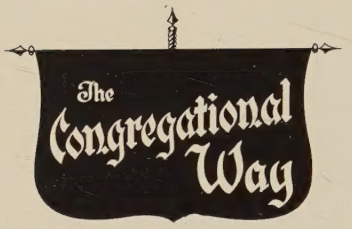

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LL THE WAY TO BETHLEHEM

Archie H. Hook

Superintendent

Christians throughout the world have again reached that time of the year when they are very conscious of Bethlehem. No tinkling of Santa Claus bells can keep us from hearing the "good news of a great joy," and we say with those of old, "let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened." But, do we go far enough? Do we reach the place where we actually feel the presence of God? God, who "so loved the world that he gave his only Son." If we really reach Bethlehem in a true spirit of seeking we will say with St. Paul, "Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!" and we will find the spirit of Christmas in our hearts long, long after the last carol has been sung, after the last gift has been opened and the beautifully decorated tree has dried up, been taken down and forgotten.

It was a peaceful City—Bethlehem. We picture the shepherds with their flocks and the nativity scene. It makes it almost impossible for us to disassociate Christmas and peace. Even today the craving for peace is paramount. We talk about it, men write voluminously about it—peace of mind, peace of soul, peace among nations. Oh, that we might go all the way and really promote the principles of the Prince of Peace himself, that true peace might come to our upside down world.

And in Bethlehem was abroad that vibrant spirit of helpfulness, of service to one's fellowman. We live in a world that too often struggles after possessions, seeks only for power, regardless of the hopes and happiness of others. If we go all the way to Bethlehem and really take Christ at his word, we would find out that the greatest among us is he who serves, for Christ himself came not to be ministered unto but to minister. We have learned these words by heart but so often have not taken them to heart. Christ won his way by serving. It is a way that takes longer but it lasts longer.

"Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened." And let us not stop half way, but go all the way to the Christ himself, where we will learn how to be childlike without being childish; how to find, preach and enjoy peace in a turbulent world; how to help people rather than profit from them. Let us go all the way to Bethlehem this Christmas.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

IONE AND METALINE FALLS . . .

As a result of a long period of discussion, planning and prayer, our churches in Metaline Falls and Ione have decided to make a leap of faith and commit themselves to a full time resident ministry in each community. Rev. Carl Baird has been serving both churches. His resignation in Metaline Falls will go into effect January 1, after which he will be minister of the Ione church only. The Metaline Falls church is seeking a new minister to live in that community and serve on a full-time basis.

Seattle, PLYMOUTH . . .

Installation services for Dr. Martin L. Goslin of Plymouth Church were held on November 4. The Council meeting was held before a fellowship dinner, and the service of installation came later in the evening. Persons from the Seattle area participating in the service included Dr. Archie Hook, Dr. Claton S. Rice, Dr. Clinton E. Ostrander. Dr. Franklin Thompson of Tacoma shared in the ceremonies, and the sermon was given by Dr. Donald V. Wells of New York City.

Other meaningful activities at Plymouth this fall include an Every Family Visitation Program; meetings of the various Colonies; the Every Member Canvass Program; and the concert by the choir.

PASCO . . .

A class of sixteen adults have recently been received into the membership of First Congregational Church, five of whom confessed their faith for the first time. As a result of the visitation program, sponsored by the Womens' Fellowship, another class of seventeen are awaiting their instruction class and reception into the church. The church has adopted the policy that all in-coming members must attend three classes of instruction on church membership before being rec into the church. The classes are ducted by the minister, the Paul D. Sutley.

Tacoma, PILGRIM . . .

Believing that true progr comes about only through ca planning, the Church Cabinet o grim Church has set up a Plan and Strategy Committee. This g has the responsibility of acquai itself with the various prog that will affect the total life o church, and will bring recomm tions to the annual meeting in uary regarding same. At pr the group is looking into the of Our Christian World Mission Church Building Loan Fund paign, and the community need resources. Rev. Ted Hastings i present minister.

Ritzville, ZION . . .

Rev. R. W. Rieger reports on eral interesting activities at Zion church this fall. Youth in the church has been reorga and is now being called Pil Fellowship, and is following program suggestions of our nat youth fellowship. They have vi the group at Ralston, have sh in the Work Day for Christ prog and the area rally.

The Zion Clubs have elected officers for the year, and con with regular meetings.

The Mission Festival brough creased interest in the mission of the church, with a total off of $854.19 being received for foreign work, and $725.90 for home mission projects, makin grand total of $1580.09.

WALLA WALLA . . .

Dr. Claton S. Rice, superint ent emeritus of the Conferenc serving as interim pastor of Congregational Church this fall.

hundred and twenty-four men of the Fauntleroy Church participated in the Every ily Visitation program on Sunday, November 1. The purpose of the Visitation was just to get pledges, but to acquaint all members and friends with the total work of church. As a result of the Visitation over twenty families are now ready for church bership. Photo by J. N. Johnson.

k continues to go ahead, and the ious groups have active pro- ms. The Pilgrim Fellowship red in the Work Day for Christ, were hosts to an area meeting Pilgrim Fellowship this fall. The ry Member Canvass program conducted on November 15, the r and circles of the Women's owship have made contributions fall.

RDEN . . .

he Community Church, with Rev. R. Madson as the present minis- celebrated two important oc- ons on Sunday, November 1— nders Day and their Mission Fes- l Day. The church was organ- fifty years ago and paused to ider the service it has rendered he community. Many second and l generation children of the or- al founders were present for the ices. Letters of greeting from former ministers were read, and ecial anniversary cake was en- d by the friends and members he church. Special music was ished by the Youth Choir, di- ed by Mrs. Wm. Vincent, and Rev. Theron Zimmerman of Olivet Church, Seattle, was guest minister.

Special services also reminded the people of their responsibilities in our mission work. The movie, In the Steps of the Great Physician, was shown, and offerings received from the church school and the church for this cause amounted to $492.31.

The church has received a loan from the Church Building Department, and this spring will begin work on a new and more adequate building to render more effective service to the community.

Seattle, BEACON HILL . . .

The Rev. J. W. Skerry reports some improvements to the building facilities of the Beacon Hill Church. The building has a new siding job which makes the church more attractive, and work of sanding and waxing the floors has been completed. Several of the fellowship groups are most active and make valuable contributions to the church, including the Missionary Society of the Women's Association, the Men's Club, and the recently organized Evening Circle for Women.

WALLACE . . .

The former manse of the Wallace church has been converted into a parish house to accommodate the growing church school—the enrollment this fall has reached 240. The church is also providing extended bus service for areas near Wallace. The Pilgrim Fellowship groups, both junior high and senior, are active this year, with a membership of 46. These groups meet on Thursdays from 5-8 p. m., with a program including worship, discussions, recreation, potluck dinners, and business. Choir membership has increased to 20 in the junior group and 23 in the senior choir.

This increased activity called for a larger budget which was presented during the Every Member Visitation program. Rev. D. Elmer Nourse is the present minister.

DONALD CASSIDAYS

NEWPORT . . .

The Rev. Donald Cassiday of Klamath Falls, Oregon, becomes the minister of the Hope Church in Newport on January 15. The Cassidays have been in Oregon since 1950, following their graduation from the Pacific School of Religion.

MULLAN . . .

There are many evidences of increased interest and activity at the Mullan church this fall. Co have renovated and put into four new class rooms for the ch school—their work included p ing, painting, and work on floors. The water system in church was also restored. The ent church school enrollment to 80, and a Pilgrim Fellov group has been organized. Re Elmer Nourse is minister.

PULLMAN . . .

"Operations Excavations" are ing place at Community Ch Pullman, as plans go forward their new building. A loan from Church Building Department been made available to the ch for this project.

Other activities of interest fall include the Open House Silver Tea for the church sc This annual event provides an portunity for parents to become tter acquainted with the pro and the teachers. Rev. David J is minister.

Spokane, WESTMINSTER . .

Services of Installation for Rev. Clement F. Hahn of West ster Church were held on Su November 15. The program incl the Installation Council meetin fellowship dinner, and the Ins tion Service. Dr. Hahn came t Spokane church in September an active pastorate in Worce Mass. Those participating in services included Rev. D. E Nourse, moderator of the Ass tion, Dr. Archie Hook of the ference, and Dr. Stanley U. N of San Francisco, who gave sermon.

CUSICK-USK . . .

The Rev. Chester Earls bega pastorate at this parish on No ber 15. Mr. Earls is an ord minister in the Disciples of C fellowship, and has been servin the assistant at the First Chri Church in Vancouver, Washin

ROBERT LIVINGSTON

KEVIEW . . .

'he Rev. Robert A. J. Livingston Fairfield, Montana, becomes the iister of the Lakeview Commun- Church on January 1. Mr. Liv- ston is a graduate of Oberlin ological Seminary. While in ntana, the Livingstons have been ve in the wider fellowship, par- pating in the summer program camps and conferences, and the rim Fellowship work. We wel- ne them to our conference.

COMA, First . . .

wo activities at First church fall have been of special inter- one, the television programs on nnel 13 which featured the thmic choirs, and two, the work he Drama Club in presenting at ing services religious one-act s. Other regular events and tings of groups, such as the hen Kapers, the Women's As- ation, the Men's Club, the Con- Club, the Church School Family ht, and others, have added to fellowship of the church. Rev. ster Fisk is minister.

KIRKLAND . . .

A special Thanksgiving Family Night was a highlight of activities in November for the Kirkland people. The experience featured a pot-luck supper and a program of a contribution by each church school department and each organization in the church. A special offering for "Meals for Millions" was received. A parent's day in the church was also held in November, and the Every Family Visitation program, and a special youth day in the church. Rev. Ivan Smith is minister.

LOSS OF LEADER

Congregationalism in the Washington conference lost a loyal friend and worker in the death of Jeannette S. Baird, last spring. Mrs. Baird was president of the Women's State Board for 18 years. Her concern and devotion to the state-wide and world-wide work of the church played a vital part in the splendid organization of the women's work in our conference. Programs, literature and speakers were channelled to the fartherest reaches of the area through Mrs. Baird's efforts. Association presidents loved her and turned to her for counsel and often for the stimulus to re-vitalize a program which had failed to inspire.

It is impossible to think of her apart from her husband, Dr. Lucius O. Baird, who for a number of years was the Superintendent of the Conference. When his vision became impaired, Mrs. Baird became his eyes in his office. Accompanying him to the office each day, she read aloud his mail, so that there was no break in his contacts with our churches nor with the tide of affairs.

Their mutual love for and devotion to the spread of the gospel, coupled with a selflessness and gallant spirit endeared them to ministers and congregations in every corner of the conference.

THE LAYMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

FRED HOCKERT

The observance of Laymen's Sunday was general over the conference. At least two of the churches presented the laymen taking part with "Laymen's Crosses." One of the finest things called to my attention which came out of this observance is the Laymen's prayer given by John Timbers of our Kirkland church, which we share with you.

"Our gracious Heavenly Father, in the quietness of this Sanctuary we bow our heads and acknowledge Thee as our Lord and Saviour. We realize that we have all fallen far short of the high standards which Thou hast set for us and that it is through no merit of our own that we now come into Thy presence. We come, O Lord, confessing our sins and asking Thy forgiveness. All of us during the past week have said those things which were better left unsaid; and we have done those things that have grieved Thee. Help each one of us now to humble ourselves and to renew once again our spiritual covenants.

"Dear Father, we do not know the heartaches, the sorrows, the disappointments and problems of all who are in this worshipping congregation. But we believe that Thou dost know all these things and we have but to place our trust and confidence in the one who will never leave us or forsake us. Comfort the sorrowing, encourage those who falter, strengthen the weak, and inspire all of us with the confidence that Thy Kingdom is advancing.

"Lord, we thank Thee for temporal blessings as well as spiritual. As we come in contact with those who are less fortunate than we, help us as did the good samaritan to bind up the wounds and not to turn away our heads and pass by on the other side. We commit ourselves into Thy care and keeping. Bless Thy people as they worship throughout the world. These things we ask in Jesus name. Amen."

PAUL PRUITT'S REPORT

In a recent letter, Paul and Margaret Pruitt report on work in the Philippines. "Wit opening of schools, we easily nize our number one task, at for the present, help in educ the youth of the Philippines. haps the major problem of Fi youth is to find enough mone their schooling. This may ha familiar ring to you. But the lems surrounding education much more acute here tha found them to be in the State most places there are no p high schools, so if you add c to the cost of high school at a vate school, you have eight or years which a student must fin

"What is common can be s by a reference to the Rizal fa a fine Protestant family who great hopes and plans for their dren. There are seven childre the family. A seventeen year ol graduated from Southern Chri College last year. Another boy junior in high school. He rec the highest grades in his class year. An eighteen year old dau works in a home and helps su her younger brother and sist primary school. She has hopes tending Silliman University S of Nursing. But she can sav money since other members o family depend on her support the beginning of the school yea ten year old was told that he v have to remain out of schoo cause of the lack of finances.

"Another friend in the f grade is older than his twenty year old teacher. Many of you contributed money to help insu student's education. You can be tain that your contribution has well used. A year's scholarshi the School of Theology, Sil University, is $150. For a stude the Southern Christian College cost is about $50 a year. Bot these institutions represent A can Board work."

PEN HOUSE TO THE WORLD . . .

embers of the Senior High Pilgrim Fellowship of the Fauntleroy Community Church onsored an "Open House to the World" the weekend of November 7 and 8. Seventeen idents from twelve different countries, now attending the University of Washington, ent the weekend in the community. Here a group of them are shown with Dr. and s. James Davis. Dr. Davis is Advisor to Foreign Students at the University, and ved as interim pastor at Fauntleroy this fall.

cials for the International experience included a Chinese dinner at the church, and program given by the foreign students, including music, dances, stories, and talks. Fers served the dinner. Photos are by J. N. Johnson.

WANTED . . . A CAMP SITE

Summertime offers unique opportunities for Christian education and inspiration for the local church. One of the most valuable experiences is that of a summer conference or camp for members of the parish. Most churches are unable to provide this for themselves, but by joining with others, facilities can be available. The Washington Conference has for a number of years offered such opportunities at Camp N-Sid-Sen on Lake Coeur d'Alene, at Seabeck, and at Deception Pass. Because Camp N-Sid-Sen is owned by the conference, more groups are able to use its facilities.

There has been a growing feeling that churches in the western Washington area would take advantage of an increased summer program if adequate facilities were available. A Camp Site Committee has been at work looking at various properties and making investigations, but with no success as yet. Since local churches will benefit from whatever is done in this matter, the Committee wishes to share with them some of the thinking regarding our needs and desires, and enlist cooperation in securing same.

A. Basic Requirements:

1. A minimum of ten to twenty acros should be secured.
2. There should be some view of mountains, a lake, or the Sound.
3. Should contain a reasonably wooded area.
4. There should be adequate source of water.
5. Should be reasonably accessible by road.
6. Fairly central location to service the western Washington area. Boundaries might be Hood Canal on the west, Olympia on the south, Mt. Vernon on the north, and east to include accessible inland lakes this of the Cascades.

B. Desirable Features:

1. Hiking area.
2. Telephone and light service.
3. Beach and swimming facilit
4. Areas for outdoor worship recreation.

C. Building Requirements:

It is the hope of the commit that anything secured would used for the entire year, and a variety of purposes — camp and conference experience in summer; retreats and conferen during other seasons. Buildi therefore, would need to be c sidered from the standpoint year round availability and su mer uses. It might be well to c sider undeveloped property, p vided the essentials of space, cation, water resources, etc., available. Properties with so buildings which might be conv ed are to be considered. Build requirements would include a d ing room and kitchen, dormit buildings, toilet and wash ro facilities, chapel and lecture ro would be desirable, as well as door recreation facilities.

It should be remembered th there is no financial reserve av able for the purchase of such pr erty. The financing would have be worked out when something d inite is before the committee.

Members of the committee will happy to investigate anything cal to their attention. Persons sho contact Mr. John F. Bentley of K stone Church, Seattle; Rev. Jar F. Estes of Lowell, and Rev. Geo H. Schubert of Setilacoom, or conference office.

PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP

WORK DAY FOR CHRIST

The Work Day for Christ project
the Pilgrim Fellowship this fall
ovided an opportunity for young
ople to do something concrete and
ecific. They gave of their time
d talents to earn money for Our
ristian World Mission. Most of
e groups gathered in the morning
a worship experience before un-
rtaking the work at hand. Receiv-
their various assignments, they
nt to work—some going separ-
ly, others remaining as a group
particular jobs. Reports coming
give an indication of the types
jobs undertaken—washed cars,
by sitters, washed windows, raked
ves, cleaned the church, pulled
eds, hauled trash away, cleaned
y areas, hauled rocks, planted
ubs, chopped wood, house clean-
, picked apples. Special dedica-
n services were held the same
y by some groups, the next day
the youth fellowship meeting, or
connection with the morning wor-
p service. Many groups partici-
ted in the experience, and as of
vember 14, the following have
t in the money earned for Our
ristian World Mission:

Prospect, Seattle, $15.60; Rich-
nd Beach, $63.85; Japanese, Seat-
, $6.00; Metaline Falls, $23.00;
yton, $39.63; Odessa, English,
25; Veradale, $17; Pasco, $41;
kima, $49.75; Green Lake, Seat-
, $61.76; Everett, $13.75; Faunt-
oy, Seattle, $115; Plymouth, Se-
le, $32.25; Columbia, Seattle,
.50; Kirkland, $40; Magnolia, Se-
le, $124.33; Walla Walla, $93.98.

NEW MATERIALS ON YOUTH WORK

The Conference Christian Educa-
n Committee has purchased the
w kit of 7 sound filmstrips on
uth Work, produced by the Na-
nal Council of Churches. These
to be used with **senior high**
oups only. They are not substi-
tutes for programs, but serve rather to stimulate discussion and a better understanding of the purposes and work of groups. Scripts are recorded at 33⅓ speed. Each filmstrip is from 15 to 20 minutes in time. Title and description of each is as follows:

1. WE HAVE THIS FELLOWSHIP Depicts a youth fellowship at work and its effect on an individual youth.

2. The FAITH OF A GUY—Deals with the inevitability of faith, motivating persons to want to be Christian, suggesting ways of growth.

3. GALLERY OF WITNESSES — Says that everyone is a witness to something; underscores types and ways of witnessing; stimulates self-examination and decision.

4. I FOUND A NEW WORLD—Designed to help youth to discover the Church as a dynamic and attractive missionary activity.

5. THE MEASURE OF A MAN— How much of a Christian citizen are you? This filmstrip helps to answer this question in a positive way.

6. HOW WIDE IS OUR CIRCLE— The story of the inclusive, yet distinctive fellowship of the church and youth work, as told by a young person.

7. BIG ENOUGH TO TACKLE—We can tackle any job if we work together. This filmstrip lays the foundation for local community ecumenicity.

These filmstrips have been placed in the Congregational Audio Visual Depository at the AUDIO VISUAL CENTER, 1205 North 45th, Seattle.

NEWS BRIEFS

Miss Mary Ingle, missionary teacher at Anatolia College, Thessaloniki, Greece, was in our conference from November 2-17. She had several appointments in the Seattle area, including Plymouth Church, University Church, Keystone, also Tacoma, First. A tea for Miss Ingle was held at The Conference Home, to which the Seattle churches were invited. Miss Ingle returns to Greece the first of the year.

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Dr. Stanley U. North, Pacific Coast Director of the Church Building Loan Fund Campaign, visited churches in the conference the week of Nov. 8-15. Included on his itinerary were the churches at Bellevue, Odessa, Almira, Warden, Lakeview, Steilacoom, Pilgrim Seattle, West Seattle, Magnolia, Tacoma Pilgrim, Pullman, Colfax, and Westminster, Spokane.

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Mrs. William Cox of Plymouth Church, Seattle, and a member of the Prudential Committee of The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, has been elected to the position of Vice President of the Board, for the Western Section. The election came at the time of the Midwest Regional Meeting in Wichita, Kansas, this fall, when meetings of The American Board were held.

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A special workshop on JUNIOR HIGH WORK, sponsored by the Christian Education Committee, was held at the First Congregational Church, Yakima, on Friday, November 27. Purposes of the workshop were to consider the needs, interests, and organizational patterns best suited to this age group, and to determine what type of conference program should be planned in addition to the summer camps. Adult leaders and key junior high young people participated in the experience. Mrs. Jack Ballard of Seattle was special guest, and shared her experiences in Pakistan.

DOROTHY DAVISON

Miss Dorothy Davison joined Conference Staff on November 1 serve as secretary and reception Miss Davison is a native of Wa Walla. She attended Whitman C lege, and has recently been work as Parish Assistant at the Fi Congregational Church. Active the work of Pilgrim Fellowsh Miss Davison is already known many persons in the conference.

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The Pilgrim Circuit Rider, a s cial station wagon project of T Board of Home Missions, visited conference from November 28-D cember 3. Miss Leila Anderson, tional staff member of the Divis of Christian Education, gave lead ship in the field of Christian Ed cation. Mr. Clifford Rich of t Fauntleroy Church, Seattle, and M Christine Skelton of the confere staff, were also members of team. Churches visited included s eral in the Columbia River As ciation, including Cathlamet; N selle, Finnish; Kelso, Finnish; Ho inson; White Salmon, and Wa ougal.

THE HORN OF HANNAH

GRACE BARTON McLAREN

Dr. Archie Hook writes, "To mention the name of Grace Barton Mc-en in Westminster Church, Spokane, or to a group of Congregationalists o have been in our Conference for some time, brings before the mind's a definite picture of a very talented woman—talented as a leader, as a son with original ideas, as one who knows how things should be done l how to get them done. Both Mr. and Mrs. McLaren, who three years celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, are pillars of Congrega-nalism and have been members of our Westminster Church for many rs. They have been very active in their interest in Camp N-Sid-Sen and ve served in promoting it in many ways. Mrs. McLaren has been a mem- of the Conference Board of Directors and is a past Associate Moderator the Eastern Washington Northern Idaho Asscciation. It gives us great asure ot present in this issue, an original children's story from the pen Mrs. McLaren.")

When Grandma was a little girl Bible was taught to children in mes and riddles.

"Who broke domestic peace, and
met
A childless woman's tears, and
yet
Provoked her sore and made her
fret?"

The naughty woman was Penin-n, and the weeping lady was Han-n. They were wives of Elkanah, they were not a happy house-d. Every good Jewish wife wished ve everything else to give her sband a son, and Hannah was ldless. Peninnah had children and ated. She was favored of the rd, and plainly Hannah was not. kanah was very unhappy. He ed his wives, especially Hannah, l it grieved him to have her so l. He served her the choicest cuts roast, but she could not eat. "Am ot better to thee than ten sons " asked. Truly he was, but, oh, wanted a baby of her own, and wanted the favor of God. Women that land wore veils which were d in place by horns. The horns were metal ice cream cones fastened upside down to the head, from which the veils hung. Young women and young married women who had not borne children wore them at an angle of 45 degrees. When a child came the horn was worn straight up for the rest of her life. When Hannah was out on the street, every one who met her looked at her horn, which seemed to be bowed down by the weight of her woe. They knew she was a woman whom God had not blessed. This was particularly trying when they went to Shiloh to the annual festival, where they met all their old friends and relatives. Hannah slipped away from it all to the temple, where she prayed so long and so earnestly that Eli the High Priest, spoke to her. She poured out her grief, and he blessed her and said, "Go in peace and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition." So when a little lad was born, she named him Samuel, "because I asked him of the Lord."

And she set her horn up very streight and carried her head proudly and sang "My heart rejoiceth in the Lord." "My horn is exalted!"

I hope Elkanah had the silversmith make her a shining new one.

THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

MRS. E. R. MADSON, President

Women have learned in the past few decades that the home can no longer be their whole interest. They cannot give security or faith to their children without facing the problems of the world.

During this year let us seek together to examine the faith by which we live, and in which we are not afraid physically to die; to learn more of the stated purpose of the Women's Fellowship and its relation to our daily lives; to inform ourselves of the wide reach of our own denominational witness at home and around the world; to join our own efforts in the growing ecumenical movement; and finally to become true and complete stewards in the dedication of time, treasure, and talent to his service.

Thus, "rejoicing in our task," the theme for the year, the Women's Fellowship adopted four emphases for the year:

1. To further Our Christian World Mission by helping to establish and strengthen the Committee on Missionary Education and Stewardship in every local church.
2. To deepen our spiritual life as individuals and as families.
3. To promote the showing of the feature film, The Hidden Heart, in every local church and the receiving of an offering for Our Christian World Mission.
4. To support in every possible way the Church Building Loan Fund Campaign.

Local presidents and program chairmen are urged to make these emphases a real part of all their planning and actual work of the year. As we work together in our fellowship and in the wider fellowship of the denomination at large, and in cooperation with other Christians in the homeland and around the world, we make more possible "thy Kingdom come."

LOAN FUND REPORT

Dr. Stanley U. North, Pa
Coast Director, writes that a
October 1, the West Coast area
$226,978 short of its goal of $
000. In very few cases has a chu
to which the Loan Fund has
presented, refused to accept
quota. This campaign is being
ducted for the purpose of taking
church and the open Bible into
new communities where live li
ally thousands of people who ot
wise will be without the church
is expected that in a church wi
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ship not less than its freedom, t
will be universal cooperation in
plementing an action concernin
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Let us bear in mind that we
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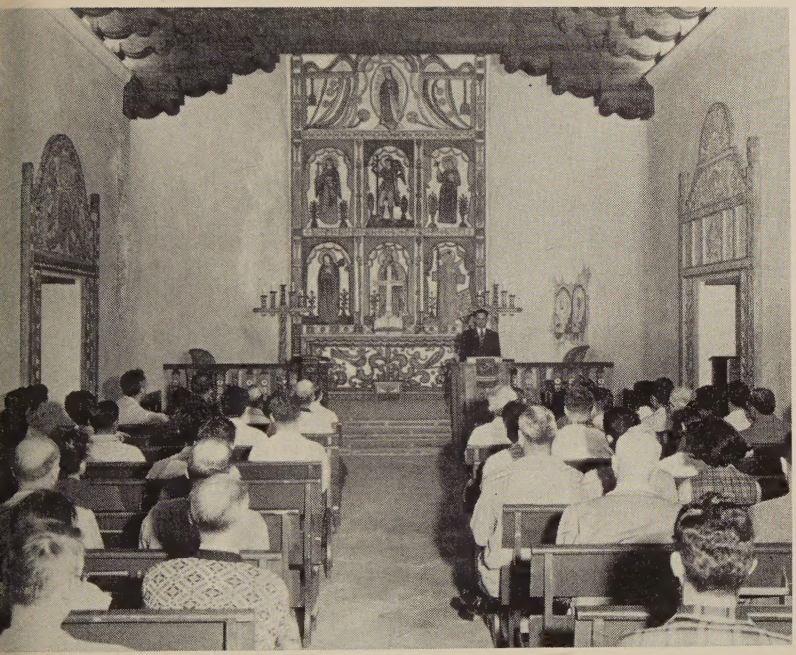

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